

## REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-20 in the application. Claims 21-38 were added in subsequent amendments thereto and Claims 1-15 and 21-23 were previously cancelled. Additionally, Claims 16, 25, 31, 32, 35 and 36 have been amended herein. Accordingly, Claims 16-20 and 24-38 are currently pending in the application.

### **I. Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to Claims 31-33 and 35-37 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the present Amendment, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 16 and 25 to include the limitations of previous Claims 31 and 35, respectively, which are also amended herein. The Applicants have amended the aforementioned claims to further the prosecution of the present application and make no representations regarding the merits of the cited references in view of the subject claims.

### **II. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 16-20, 24-30, 34 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,201,429 to Rosenthal. For the reason as discussed above, the Applicants have overcome the rejection of Claims 16 and 25, and the claims dependent thereon. In accordance therewith, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the

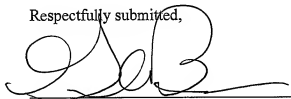
rejection to Claims 16-20, 24-30, 34 and 38.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 16-20 and 24-38. Additionally, upon receiving a Notice of Allowance, the Applicants would appreciate that the Examiner renumber the claims to organize like claims in a series in successive order.

The Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 732-1001 if such would further expedite the prosecution of the present application. If a fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,



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